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The Honorable R. G. Freeman III  
Administrator  
General Services Administration  
Washington, D.C. 20405

Dear Sir:

The Director has referred your letter of January 14, 1980, to this office for response. During the past several months, we have had numerous discussions with members of your staff concerning our fuel economy goals for 1979. We forecast the acquisition of 20 vehicles during FY 1979, with a fleet average of 22.3 miles per gallon, which was well within established requirements. However, we discovered that some vehicles ordered in FY 1978 were not processed and delivered until FY 1979 and, as a result, were included in our FY 1979 report.

The vehicles obtained in 1979 were the minimum size and body style necessary to meet Agency requirements, and our failure to meet the average of 22 miles per gallon was related to the mix of body styles. Station wagons are required by this Agency for use by mail and courier personnel, and the Fairmont station wagon has the smallest engine that is available with automatic drive.

Please be assured that we are concerned about fuel economy and have taken positive action to ensure that we maintain records for vehicles which will be included in our FY 1980 report. We have reviewed our requirements including those submitted in late FY 1979, and our current forecast is that the FY 1980 goal of 24 miles per gallon will be achieved.

STAT  is the Agency's officer responsible for this program, and he may be contacted on  should additional information be required. STAT

Sincerely,

/s/ James H. McDonald

James H. McDonald  
Director of Logistics

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